

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A fastening tape (10) for a hygiene item (8), in particular for a baby diaper or an incontinence diaper, having a fastening area for permanent fastening on the hygiene item (8) and having a closing area (11) for simultaneous detachable joining to a surface of the hygiene item (8), whereby the fastening tape (10) has a protruding section (14) between the closing area (11) and a tape end (16) to be assigned to the closing area, wherein the protruding section (14) has a separate grip area (24) with a macroscopically structured surface (23, 33, 34).

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the separate grip area has a structurally separate component (22; 31; 42; 54, 55; 100).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 2, wherein the structurally separate component is a film, preferably having a thickness of more than 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , especially preferably at most 600  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is designed like a film.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the structured surface has embossing.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 5, wherein the embossing has a plurality of straight and/or curved lines, some of which are preferably joined together.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is arranged on a grip edge of the protruding section.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is arranged with an offset to a tape edge of the protruding section.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is designed in strips and runs at least partially essentially according to a grip edge and/or a tape edge in its shape.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area runs in a meandering pattern.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein the grip area is approximately the same distance from the closing area as from a tape edge.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein exclusively an inside of the fastening tape has a grip area.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein exclusively and outside of the fastening tape has a grip area.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein both sides of the fastening tape have a common grip area and/or separate grip areas.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 14, wherein two identically shaped and sized grip areas are provided on the two sides of the fastening tape.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The fastening tape according to Claim 1, wherein two separate film-like grip areas having different macroscopically structured surfaces.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The hygiene item, in particular baby diapers or incontinence diapers, having a diaper fastening tape according to Claim 1.

Claims 18-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (New) : The fastening tape according to claim 1  
wherein the closing area comprises a plurality of hooks.

Claim 25 (New) : The hygiene item according to claim 17  
wherein the closing area comprises a plurality of hooks and the  
hygiene item further comprises a frontal tape on an outside  
surface of the hygiene item, said frontal tape comprising a  
plurality of loops corresponding to the hooks, said hooks and  
loops forming a two component fastening system.